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back in that day were getting called by all sorts of guardians ad litem and judges and people involved in the system, saying we've got a huge mess here, we've got a huge problem here. Do we want to do that? Or do we want to have that be the court? I think the court is where those...that oversight should be. They aren't going to...under the original amendment they would have still had the placement authority. All we're asking is some oversight of what they do. Some recourse, some place that can bring the parties back and talk about what's happening. Right now as this bill is written, that would be only the department, only the department. They could come back to the court and talk, but the court would have no authority...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...to do anything. I don't think we're ready to do that yet. I think we need to keep the interests of the child in mind and the interests of the parents; we need to bring everybody to the table and work cooperatively. We shouldn't make this sweeping a change without leaving oversight until we get to the point where our assessment system and our continuum of care are such that we have confidence of everybody involved, that we're going to be able to do what we say we're going to do in terms of placement of youth. I think we should keep going the way we are, delay this bill and take up the other aspects of the system which, if we can get those in place, more community-based services, you're going to see a budget that has money for that. There's money in tobacco settlement interest income...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...for that; we need to do those kinds of things first.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Smith, on AM1529.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I have not gotten into this discussion prior to now and I was asked that before lunch, why...why I didn't get into the discussion. I